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The SDPUC supports the steps taken by Western Wireless to provide benefits to South Dakota telecommunications customers. We expect Western Wireless will understand and embrace the intent and responsibilities underlying ETC status, the costs and benefits of receiving ETC status, and the state commissions' role in the ETC process.

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Western Wireless is a key South Dakota wireless service provider and the SDPUC wants South Dakotans to have access to improved wireless service made possible by additional universal service support. Thus, if, under the Commission's rules and precedents, the Waiver Petition we sincerely hope will be granted for good cause.  
Bob Sahr, Chairman  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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